Programme for Scheduled Tribes Sub-Plan

†2842. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programme of 'Scheduled Tribes Sub-Plan' has been going on since Fifth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether any assessment of factors of its implementation has ever been made alongwith the results thereof;

(c) whether the families of Scheduled Tribes living below the poverty line have not got benefit of strategy of regional development; and

(d) whether Government would consider on a family based development strategy instead of that the sub-plan?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements the programme of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan.

(b) The Ministry has entrusted the Programme Evaluation Organization of the Planning Commission to conduct evaluation study of SCA to TSP.

(c) The schemes implemented under SCA to TSP have benefited the ST families and as per the utilization certificates sent by the State Governments, funds have been utilized for the purposes for which it was released.

(d) The programmes under Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) cover the Scheduled Tribe population living below the poverty line. The guidelines on SCA to TSP cover employment-cum-income generation activities and the infrastructure incidental thereto, not only family-based, but also community based, through cluster approach. The ultimate objective of extending SCA to TSP is to boost the income-generation programmes in tribal areas and thus raise the economic and social status of Tribals.

Displacement of tribals due to Polavaram Project

2843. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to Polavaram project with the proposed design, 300 villages in 9 mandals in three districts in Andhra

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Pradesh would be submerged displacing more than 2 lakh tribal people and their livelihood; and

(b) whether the project area falls under Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of India which guarantees protection to the tribes, if so, the reasons for sanctioning such project?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Covering of drains in Delhi

2844. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Administration, DDA, MCD and Delhi Cantonment Board have drawn up plans to cover nallahs carrying sullage etc., flowing through Delhi to reduce pollution in the territory;

(b) if so, the details thereof relating to each unit, by when work on the projects is expected to start and by when all nallahs are expected to be fully covered; and

(c) if no, final decision has been taken in the matter, reasons for the delay and by when the exercise is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The Irrigation & flood control Department of Government of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD) and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) have informed that no action plan has been drawn for covering the nallahs carrying sullage, flowing through Delhi. The GNCTD has informed that as per the recommendations of the Task Force constituted by the Lt. Governor, Delhi the strom water drains carrying sewage and sullage should not be covered. The MCD has also informed that as per recommendations of the Jagadish Sager Committee, the drains and nallahs through which the sewage flows, should not be covered.

The Delhi Cantonment Board has informed that there is a Central Sewerage System and septic tanks and the sewage is being discharged in it, there are two storm water nallahs in its area which have been covered where they are passing through inhabited areas. The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that it does not maintain any drain/nallah.